

**METHOD FOR RE-SENSITIZING VANCOMYCIN RESISTANT BACTERIA
USING AGENTS WHICH SELECTIVELY CLEAVE A CELL WALL PEPTIDE**

Abstract of the Invention

- 5 The present invention relates a method for re-sensitizing
vancomycin resistant Gram-positive bacteria in which
resistance results from the conversion of an amide bond to
an ester bond in the cell wall peptide precursors of the
bacteria which comprises using an antibacterial amount of
10 vancomycin or a homolog of vancomycin and an amount of an
agent effective to selectively cleave the ester bond so as
to thereby re-sensitize vancomycin resistant bacteria.

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